

Surah 43 Surah Zukhruf

GOLD

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH ZUKHRUF AND SURAH SHURA

Surah Shura mentions that all the Ambiyaa ﷺ received revelation that Allaah is The Only Controller of the universe and True Helper. Therefore, all supplication should be made only to Him. Whatever aspects be contrary to this in the previously revealed divine scriptures are fabricated additions of the deviant scholars of these scriptures. Because of their rebelliousness, they intentionally added these fabrications to mislead others.

However, despite conceding Allaah's omnipotence, the *Mushrikeen* still say that they merely worship their gods because they can intercede on their behalf before Allaah. Surah Zukhruf replies to this statement in the verse 86 where Allaah says, **“Those (gods) that they (the Mushrikeen) worship besides Allaah have no power to intercede, except (that intercession will be allowed only) for the one who attests to the truth (of Towheed) and (for) those who have knowledge (who are convinced about the truth of Towheed).”** The Surah explains that none can impose their will upon Allaah, and that permission to intercede will be granted only for those who believe in Allaah and in Towheed in this world. Intercession will not be permitted for the Kuffaar, nor on their behalf.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

The Surah contains the following:

- * An introduction with encouragement.
- * Three logical proofs, two being admissions of the *Mushrikeen* (one is at the beginning of the Surah while the other is at the end).
- * Four quoted proofs, three detailed proofs and one stated briefly.
- * A proof relating to divine revelation.
- * Various warnings, glad tidings and reproaches.

سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ
 بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

حَمْدٌ

1. HaaMeem. (Only Allaah knows the correct meaning of these letters.)

وَالْكِتَابِ الْمُبِينِ ١

مع

2. By the oath of the Clear Book (the Qur'aan) !

إِنَّا جَعَلْنَاهُ قُرْءَانًا عَرَبِيًّا لَّعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ ٢

3. We have made it an Arabic Qur'aan so that you (O people of Arabia, who were the first recipients of the Qur'aan) understand (it).

وَأَنَّهُ فِي أُمِّ الْكِتَابِ لَدَيْنَا عَلَى حَكِيمٍ ٣

4. Verily, in the Mother Book with Us (the "Lowhul Mahfoodh"), it (the Qur'aan) is (known to be) exalted (revered and free of fault) and full of wisdom.

أَفَضْرِبُ عَنْكُمْ الذِّكْرَ صَاحًا إِن كُنتُمْ قَوْمًا مُّسْرِفِينَ ٤

5. (However, despite the fact that the Arabs could understand the Qur'aan, many of them refused to accept it. Allaah (therefore asks them,) **Should We take the Reminder (the Qur'aan) away from you completely (hereby depriving others of it merely) because you are a transgressing (sinful) nation (who refuse to accept it) ?** (Regardless of their refusal to accept the Qur'aan, Allaah still sent the Qur'aan to them so that they cannot claim that they were never shown the path to salvation.)

وَكَمْ أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ نَبِيٍّ فِي الْأَوَّلِينَ ٥

6. Numerous were the Ambiyaa that We sent among the former nations (to guide them).

وَمَا يَأْتِيهِمْ مِنْ نَبِيٍّ إِلَّا كَانُوا بِهِ يَسْتَهْزِءُونَ ٦

7. (However, instead of accepting the message of their Nabi) They used to ridicule (mock) every Nabi that came to them.

فَاهْلَكْنَا أَشَدَّ مِنْهُمْ بَطْشًا وَ مَضَىٰ مَثَلُ الْأَوَّلِينَ ۝٨

8. So (because of their kufr) We destroyed (the) people (of the past) who were much more powerful than these people (of the present). (Thus) The example of the past nations pass (has been given so that the present nations may learn from their mistakes and not follow them in their awful ways).

وَلَكِنْ سَأَلْتَهُمْ مَنْ خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ لَيَقُولُنَّ خَلَقَهُنَّ الْعَزِيزُ الْعَلِيمُ ۝٩

9. Undoubtedly, if you ask them (the Mushrikeen) who created the heavens and the earth, they will certainly say, "The Mighty, the All Knowing (Allaah) created them."

الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْأَرْضَ مَهْدًا وَجَعَلَ لَكُمْ فِيهَا سُبُلًا لَّعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ ۝١٠

10. (It is Allaah) Who made the earth into a bedding (a restful place) for you, Who made pathways (roads) on it for you so that you may be guided (in your travels)...

وَالَّذِي نَزَّلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً بِقَدَرٍ فَأَنْشَرْنَا بِهِ بَلْدَةً مَّيْتًا كَذَلِكَ نُخْرِجُونَ ۝١١

11. ...and (it is Allaah) who sends rain from the sky in measure (as and when needed). With this rain We revive dead ground (causing vegetation to flourish there). In this (similar) manner (as We revive dead ground) will you all be resurrected (on the Day of Qiyaamah).

وَالَّذِي خَلَقَ الْأَزْوَاجَ كُلَّهَا وَجَعَلَ لَكُم مِّنَ الْفُلْكِ وَالْأَنْعَامِ مَا تَرْكَبُونَ ۝١٢

12. (And it is Allaah) Who created all pairs (male and female of every species) and made ships and animals, which you ride (when at sea and on land respectively).

لَتَسْتَأْخِذَ أَهْلُ طُغْيُوْرِهِ ثُمَّ تَذْكُرُوا نِعْمَةَ رَبِّكُمْ إِذَا اسْتَوَيْتُمْ عَلَيْهِ وَتَقُولُوا سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي سَخَّرْنَا هَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لَهُ مُقْرِنِينَ ۝١٣

13. (Allaah created them for you so) That you may be seated on their backs and then recall the bounty of your Rabb (Who placed them at your service) when you mount and say, "Pure is Allaah, Who has placed this (animal) at our service whereas we would never have been able to control it (without His assistance)..."

وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا رَبُّنَا الْمُنْقِلُونَ ۝١٤

14. "...and our return shall certainly be to our Rabb."

وَجَعَلُوا لَهُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ جُزْءًا إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَكَفُورٌ مُبِينٌ ﴿١٥﴾

15. (However, instead of being grateful to Allaah and worshipping Him Only) **They** (the Mushrikeen) **make some of His** (Allaah's) **bondsmen a part of Him** (by saying that they are His children). **Man** (the Mushrik) **is clearly ungrateful** (to Allaah).

أَمْ اتَّخَذَ مِمَّا يَخْلُقُ بَنَاتٍ وَأَصْفَكُمْ بَالِغِينَ ﴿١٦﴾

16. Or has (it become part of their beliefs that) Allaah (has) chosen (created) daughters from His creation (for Himself) and selected you to have sons? (Why would Allaah choose daughters when, according to them, daughters are inferior to sons?)

وَإِذَا بُشِّرَ أَحَدُهُمْ بِمَا ضَرَبَ لِلرَّحْمَنِ مَثَلًا ظَلَّ وَجْهُهُ مُسْوَدًّا وَهُوَ كَظِيمٌ ﴿١٧﴾

17. (In fact, they regard having daughters as such a disgrace that) When any of them is given the tidings of (the birth of) that which they ascribe to Rahmaan (a daughter), his face darkens (with anger, gloom and displeasure) as he suppresses his emotions.

وَمَنْ يُنْشَأْ فِي الْحِلْيَةِ وَهُوَ فِي الْخِصَاءِ عَيْرٌ مُبِينٌ ﴿١٨﴾

18. (Do they ascribe to Allaah) One who is brought up with (the habit of using) jewellery (ornaments) and who cannot make herself clear in disputes (referring to daughters) ?

وَجَعَلُوا الْمَلَائِكَةَ الَّذِينَ هُمْ عِبَادُ الرَّحْمَنِ إِنَاثًا أَشَهِدُوا خَلْقَهُمْ سَتُكْتَبُ شَهَادَتُهُمْ وَيُسْأَلُونَ ﴿١٩﴾

19. And the angels, who are Allaah's bondsmen, they (the Mushrikeen) make into females (when they say that the angels are Allaah's daughters). Did they witness the creation of the angels (that they are so sure of their gender) ? Their testimony (that the angels are Allaah's daughters) will certainly be recorded (written down) and they will be questioned (about this blasphemous statement on the Day of Qiyaamah).

وَقَالُوا لَوْ شَاءَ الرَّحْمَنُ مَا عَبَدْنَاهُمْ مَا لَهُمْ بِذَلِكَ مِنْ عِلْمٍ إِنْ هُمْ إِلَّا يَخْرُصُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾

20. They say, "If Allaah willed, we would not have worshipped (served) them (our gods)." They have absolutely no justification (reason) for this (statement) and only speculate. (Whereas Allaah has given them the choice to do good and evil, they shift the blame from themselves by claiming that Allaah has made them commit Shirk.)

أَمْ آتَيْنَاهُمْ كِتَابًا مِنْ قَبْلِهِ فَهُمْ بِهِ مُسْتَمْسِكُونَ ﴿٢١﴾

21. Or have (they chosen to remain set in their kufr because they claim that) We (had) given them a book

(divine scripture) **before this** (which permits them to commit kufr), **to which they hold fast** (Remain committed)?

بَلْ قَالُوا إِنَّا وَجَدْنَا آبَاءَنَا عَلَىٰ أُمَّةٍ وَإِنَّا عَلَىٰ آثِرِهِم مُّهْتَدُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾

22. They say, “But we found our forefathers following a certain way (practising Shirk), and we will be guided in their footsteps.”

وَكَذَٰلِكَ مَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ فِي قَرْيَةٍ مِّنْ نَّذِيرٍ إِلَّا قَالَ مُتْرَفُوهَا إِنَّا وَجَدْنَا آبَاءَنَا عَلَىٰ أُمَّةٍ وَإِنَّا عَلَىٰ آثِرِهِم مُّقْتَدُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾

23. In a like manner, whenever We sent a warner (Nabi) to any town before you (O Rasulullaah ﷺ), the affluent (rich) people of the town (also) said, “We found our forefathers following a certain way, and we will be guided in their footsteps.”

قُلْ أَوَلَوْ جِئْتُكُمْ بِأَهْدَىٰ مِمَّا وَجَدْتُمْ عَلَيْهِ آبَاءَكُمْ قُلُوا إِنَّا بِمَا أُرْسِلْتُمْ بِهِ كَافِرُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾

24. (When faced with this excuse, the Nabi ﷺ replied) “(Will you adhere to the ways of your forefathers) Even though I have brought to you something that is better guidance than that which you found your forefathers following?” (Unable to justify their position,) They replied, “We certainly will not accept what you have been sent with.”

فَانتَقَمْنَا مِنْهُمْ فَأَنْزَلْنَاهُمْ فِتْنَةً ۖ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الْمُكَذِّبِينَ ﴿٢٥﴾

25. So We exacted (took) retribution from them (and destroyed them). See what was the plight (terrible end) of those who deny (the truth)!

وَإِذْ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ لِأَبِيهِ وَقَوْمِهِ اسْتِنِي بَرَاءً مِّمَّا تَعْبُدُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾

26. (The time is well worth remembering) When Ibraheem عليه السلام said to his father and to his people, “I absolve (free) myself of what (gods) you people worship...” (serve)

إِلَّا الَّذِي فَطَرَنِي فَإِنَّهُ سَيَهْدِينِ ﴿٢٧﴾

27. “...except for the One Who has created me (Allaah). Undoubtedly, He shall guide me.”

وَجَعَلَهَا كَلِمَةً بَاقِيَةً فِي عَقِبِهِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾

28. So he (Ibraheem عليه السلام) left it (the message of Towheed) as a lasting word among his progeny so that they may abstain (from Shirk and return to Allaah).

بَلْ مَتَّعْتُ هَؤُلَاءِ وَأَبَاءَهُمْ حَتَّىٰ جَاءَهُمُ الْحَقُّ وَرَسُولٌ مُّبِينٌ ﴿٢٩﴾

29. I had given enjoyment (the good things of life) **to these people** (the progeny of Ibraheem ؑ) **and their forefathers** (but they forgot the message of Ibraheem ؑ and started committing Shirk) **until** (when it was time to guide them,) **there came to them the truth** (the Qur'aan) **and a Rasool** (Muhammad) **who explains** (matters) **clearly.**

وَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمُ الْحَقُّ قَالُوا هَذَا سِحْرٌ وَإِنَّا بِهِ كَافِرُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾

30. (However,) When the truth (the Qur'aan) **came to them they said,** “This is magic (sorcery) and we certainly reject it.”

وَقَالُوا لَوْلَا نُزِّلَ هَذَا الْقُرْآنُ عَلَىٰ جَبَلٍ مِّنَ الْقَرْيَتَيْنِ عَظِيمٍ ﴿٣١﴾

31. (Instead of accepting the Qur'aan,) They say, Why is this Qur'aan not revealed to a prominent (important) man from one of the two cities (Makkah or Ta'if) “(instead of being revealed to Rasulullaah ﷺ)?”

أَهُمْ يَفْهَمُونَ رَحْمَتَ رَبِّكَ يُخْنِ قَسَمًا بَيْنَهُمْ مَّعِيشَتَهُمْ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَرَفَعْنَا بَعْضَهُمْ فَوْقَ بَعْضٍ دَرَجَاتٍ لِّيَتَّخِذَ بَعْضُهُمْ بَعْضًا سُخْرِيًّا وَرَحْمَتُ رَبِّكَ خَيْرٌ مِّمَّا يَجْمَعُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾

32. Do they distribute (allocate) **the mercy** (Prophethood) **of your Rabb?** (Do they have a choice in selecting who Allaah's Rasool should be?) (With regard to worldly matters,) **We distribute their livelihood among them in this worldly life and** (thereby) **elevate** (raise) **the ranks of some of them above others so that they may derive** (take) **benefit from each other** (by being interdependent). (When this is the state of affairs concerning worldly matters,) **The mercy of your Rabb** (Prophethood, which is related to the Akhirah,) **is better than what** (wealth) **they amass.** (It is therefore Allaah's right to decide who receives the mantle of Prophethood.)

وَلَوْلَا أَن يَكُونَ النَّاسُ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً لَّجَعَلْنَا لِمَن يَكْفُرُ بِالرَّحْمَنِ لِبُيُوتِهِمْ سُقْفًا مِّن فِضَّةٍ وَمَعَارِجَ عَلَيْهَا يَظْهَرُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾

33. (Whereas the Kuffaar foolishly regard wealth as a token of prominence by which a person becomes eligible for receiving Prophethood, Allaah selects differently. In fact, wealth means nothing to Allah and He could give it in abundance to every Kaafir if it were not foreseeable that everyone would become Kuffaar because of their greed for wealth. Referring to this, Allaah says,) If it were not for mankind becoming a single nation (of Kuffaar), **We would** (give so much wealth to the Kuffaar that We would) **have made roofs of silver for the homes of those who disbelieve in Rahmaan** (for the Kuffaar), **as well as** (silver) **staircases which they can climb.**

وَلِبُيُوتِهِمْ أَبْوَابٌ وَسُرُرٌ عَلَيْهَا يَتَكَبَّرُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾

34. And (We would have also made) **doors** (of silver) **for their homes, and** (silver) **couches on which they may recline.**

وَزُخْرُفًا وَإِنْ كُلُّ ذَلِكَ لَمَّا مَتَاعُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةُ عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٣٤﴾

35. And (let alone silver, We could have even made all these things of) **gold. This is all merely the** (temporary) **articles of this worldly life** (which they will surely leave behind them if it does not leave them first). (However,) **The** (everlasting and much more precious) **Aakhirah with your Rabb is** (exclusively reserved) **for those with Taqwa.**

وَمَنْ يَعِشْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ الرَّحْمَنِ نُفِضَ لَهُ شَيْطَانًا فَهُوَ لَهُ قَرِينٌ ﴿٣٥﴾

36. We shall appoint a Shaytaan to (take charge of) **every person who turns a blind eye to Rahmaan's advice** (the Qur'aan and teachings of Rasulullaah ﷺ), **who will be his** (constant) **companion** (to always mislead him).

وَأَنَّهُمْ لِيَصُدُّوهُمْ عَنِ السَّبِيلِ وَيَحْسَبُونَ أَنَّهُمْ مُهْتَدُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾

37. Indeed, they (these Shayateen) **will forbid** (prevent) **people from the path** (Islaam), **while they** (these people foolishly) **think that they are rightly guided.** (In this manner, they never have the opportunity to mend their ways because they see no reason to do so.)

حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءَنَا قَالَ يَلَيْتَ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَكَ بُعْدَ الْمَشْرِقَيْنِ فَيُشْسِ الْقَرِينُ ﴿٣٧﴾

38. (Such a person therefore continues to foolishly follow the directives of this Shaytaan) Until, when the time arrives for him to come to Us (on the Day of Qiyaamah), **he says** (to his Shaytaan companion), **“O dear! If only there was the distance of the East and West between yourself and Me! A terrible** (evil) **companion you were indeed!”**

وَلَنْ يَنْفَعَكُمْ الْيَوْمَ إِذْ ظَلَمْتُمْ أَنَّكُمْ فِي الْعَذَابِ مُشْتَرِكُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾

39. (It will then be said to all of them) “Since you were oppressive (transgressing) **people** (Kuffaar), **the fact that you all share the punishment shall be of no benefit to you.”** (Neither will any of you be able to take solace from the fact that others are suffering the same fate, nor will you be able to help each other.)

أَفَأَنْتَ تَسْمِعُ الصُّمَّ وَتَهْدِي الْعُمْى وَمَنْ كَانَ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿٣٩﴾

40. Can you (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) **make the deaf** (those who refuse to listen) **hear** (the truth), **guide the blind** (those who refuse to see the truth) **and those who are in manifest deviation** (clearly in the wrong)? (Such people refuse to accept guidance and you cannot force them to do so. Therefore, do not grieve over them.)

فَأَمَّا نَذْهَبَنَّ بِكَ فَإِنَّا مِنْهُمْ مُنْتَقِمُونَ ﴿٤٠﴾

41. (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) If We have to take you away (from this world without punishing them), We shall still exact (take) retribution from them (punish them after your demise or in the Aakhirah).

أَوْ تَرِيكَ الَّذِي وَعَدْنَاهُمْ فَإِنَّا عَلَيْهِم مُّقْتَدِرُونَ ﴿٤١﴾

42. Otherwise (if We will), We can show you (during your lifetime) what (punishment) We have promised them, for We certainly have control (power) over them (and can punish them whenever We wish).

فَاسْتَمِمْ بِالَّذِي أُوحِيَ إِلَيْكَ إِنَّكَ عَلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٤٢﴾

43. So (do not worry about them, but rather) hold fast to the revelation We have sent (revealed) to you. You are definitely upon the straight path (and the opposition of the Kuffaar will not change this fact).

وَأَنَّهُ لَذِكْرُكَ وَلِقَوْمِكَ وَسَوْفَ تُسْأَلُونَ ﴿٤٣﴾

44. This (Qur'aan) is certainly a Reminder (and a source of pride) for you (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) and for your people. Soon, they shall be questioned (about whether they practised its teachings and propagated them).

وَسْأَلُ مَنْ أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مَنْ رُسُلُنَا أَجَعَلْنَا مِنْ دُونِ الرَّحْمَنِ إِلَهًا يُعْبَدُونَ ﴿٤٤﴾

45. Inquire from those Rusul of Ours whom We have sent before you (by referring to their teachings. Ask them) Have We introduced other Aaliha who can be worshipped Besides Rahmaan? (The teachings of every Nabi ﷺ emphasised that Only Allaah should be worshipped.)

وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا مُوسَىٰ بِآيَاتِنَا إِلَىٰ فِرْعَوْنَ وَمَلَئِهِ فَقَالَ إِنِّي رَسُولُ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٤٥﴾

46. Undoubtedly, We sent Moosa (عليه السلام) with Our Aayaat (miracles) to Fir'oun and his ministers (proud chiefs). He (Moosa عليه السلام) said, "I am the Rasool of the Rabb of the universe."

فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ بِآيَاتِنَا إِذْ أَهْمُ مِنْهَا يَضْحَكُونَ ﴿٤٦﴾

47. When he came to them with Our Aayaat (miracles), they began to mock them.

وَمَا نُرِيهِمْ مِنْ آيَةٍ إِلَّا هِيَ أَكْبَرُ مِنْ أُخْتِهَا زَوَّأَدْنَاهُمْ بِالْعَذَابِ لَعَلَّهُمْ بَرْحَجُونَ ﴿٤٧﴾

48. Every Aayah (miracle) We showed them was greater than the other. (Together with showing them these miracles,) We afflicted them with punishment (calamity) so that they may return (to Towheed after committing kufr).

وَقَالُوا يَا أَيُّهَ السَّحَرَادُ لَنَارَبِّكَ بِمَا عٰهَدَ عِنْدَكَ إِنَّا لَمُهْتَدُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾

49. (As each punishment afflicted them,) They said (to Moosa عليه السلام), “O magician (used as a title of honour in those days) ! On our behalf, pray to your Rabb for the covenant He has made with you (that He would remove the punishment if we accept Imaan). Then (when the punishment is removed) we will surely be rightly guided.”

فَلَمَّا كَشَفْنَا عَنْهُمْ الْعَذَابَ إِذَا هُمْ يَنْتَكِبُونَ ﴿٥٠﴾

50. (However,) When We removed the punishment (calamity) from them, they immediately broke their promise (and continued committing Shirk).

وَلَدَىٰ فِرْعَوْنَ فِي قَوْمِهِ قَالَ لِقَوْمِ الْيَسَّىٰ لِي مُلْكٌ مِّصْرَ وَهَذِهِ الْأَنْهَارُ تَجْرِي مِن تَحْتِي أَفَلَا تَبْصُرُونَ ﴿٥١﴾

51. Fir'oun called his people saying, “Does not the land (kingdom) of Egypt and these rivers flowing beneath belong to me? Do you not see (that you should rather be listening to me instead of Moosa عليه السلام)?”

أَمْ أَنَا خَيْرٌ مِّنْ هَٰذَا الَّذِي هُوَ مَهِينٌ ۖ وَلَا يَكَادُ يُبِينُ ﴿٥٢﴾

52. “Am I not better than this person (Moosa) who is low in status (honour) and can hardly express himself (cannot speak clearly)?”

فَلَوْلَا أَلْقَىٰ عَلَيْهِ اسْمُورَةُ مِّنْ ذَهَبٍ أَوْ جَاءَ مَعَهُ الْمَلِكَةُ مُقْتَرِنِينَ ﴿٥٣﴾

53. “(If he is a true Rasool) Why are bangles of gold not thrown (given) to him (why does he not have wealth, I were gold bangles), or why do angels not follow him in procession (to verify what he says)?”

فَاسْتَخَفَّ قَوْمَهُ فَطَاعُوهُ ۖ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا قَوْمًا فَاسِقِينَ ﴿٥٤﴾

54. So (by convincing them to follow him instead of Moosa عليه السلام) Fir'oun decieved his people (misled them) and they followed him. They were a sinful (disobedient) nation indeed.

فَلَمَّا أَسْقُونَا انْتَقَمْنَا مِنْهُمْ فَأَغْرَقْنَاهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿٥٥﴾

55. When they infuriated (angered) Us (by persisting with Shirk and harassing the Mu'mineen) We exacted (took) retribution from them and drowned them all (in the Red Sea).

فَجَعَلْنَاهُمْ سَلَفًا وَمَثَلًا لِّلْآخِرِينَ ﴿٥٦﴾

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56. Thus We made them forebears (from whose bitter experience later generations were to learn) **and an example for those to come after them.**

وَلَمَّا ضَرَبَ ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ مَثَلًا إِذَا قَوْمُكَ مِنْهُ يَصِدُّونَ ﴿٥٧﴾

57. (O Rasulullaah ﷺ!) When the unique example of the son of Maryam (Isa عليه السلام) is mentioned, (when you tell the Mushrikeen that there is no benefit in all the gods that they worship, someone of them say that there is therefore no good in worshipping Isa عليه السلام as well, whom some Christians worship,) **your people suddenly start arguing** (in support of this objection).

وَقَالُوا الْهَذَا خَيْرٌ أَمْ هُوَ مَا ضَرَبُوهُ لَكَ إِلَّا جَدَلًا بَلْ هُمْ قَوْمٌ خِمْمُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾

58. They (the Mushrikeen then) say, “Are our gods (idols) better or he (Isa عليه السلام)?” **They say this to you only to dispute, for they are a people given to arguing.** (They realise that it is their idols that are being referred to, but merely raise the objection to develop an argument.)

إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا عَبْدٌ أَنْعَمْنَا عَلَيْهِ وَجَعَلْنَاهُ مَثَلًا لِّبَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ ﴿٥٩﴾

59. He (Nabi Isa عليه السلام) is but a slave (servant) **on whom We have bestowed (blessed) Our bounties** (by making him Our Rasool), **and whom We have made an example for the Bani Israa'eel** (and for mankind after them to prove to them that Allaah can create without the obvious means of a father).

وَلَوْ شَاءَ لَجَعَلْنَا مِنْكُمْ مَلَائِكَةً فِي الْأَرْضِ يَخْلُقُونَ ﴿٦٠﴾

60. (In fact, Allaah's power is limitless because) If We willed, We could have created angels among you (to reside) **on earth, who would appear in** (succeed each other in your place).

وَأَنَّهُ لَعَلَّكُمْ لِلْسَّاعَةِ فَلَا تَمْتَرُنَّ بِهَا وَاتَّبِعُونِ هَذَا صِرَاطٌ مُسْتَقِيمٌ ﴿٦١﴾

61. And he (Isa عليه السلام) is certainly a sign of Qiyaamah (proving that just as Allaah created him miraculously, Allaah can also enact the miraculous feat of resurrecting mankind), **so never doubt it, and follow me.** (All of) **This (towards which I am calling you) is the straight path.**

وَلَا يَصُدُّكُمْ الشَّيْطَانُ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُّبِينٌ ﴿٦٢﴾

62. Never let Shaytaan stop you (from treading this straight path), **for he is certainly your open (delivered) enemy** (and will do everything to stop you).

وَلَمَّا جَاءَ عِيسَى بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ قَالَ قَدْ جِئْتُكُمْ بِالْحِكْمَةِ وَلِأُبَيِّنَ لَكُمْ بَعْضَ الَّذِي تَخْتَلَفُونَ فِيهِ فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا ﴿٦٣﴾

63. When Isa عليه السلام came with the clear signs (to prove *Towheed* and the fact that he was Allaah's *Nabi*), he said, "I have come to you with wisdom (to correct your beliefs) and to make clear to you the matters about which you quarrel. So fear Allaah and follow me."

إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ رَبِّي وَرَبَّكُمْ فَاعْبُدُوهُ هَذَا صِرَاطٌ مُسْتَقِيمٌ ﴿١٤﴾

64. "Allaah is definitely my Rabb and your Rabb, so worship Him only. This (*Towheed*) **is the straight path."**

فَاخْتَلَفَ الْأَحْزَابُ مِنْ بَيْنِهِمْ فَوَيْلٌ لِلَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْ عَذَابٍ يَوْمَ الْيَوْمِ ﴿١٥﴾

65. However, (despite his clear teachings) **the parties** (among his followers) **differed between themselves** (and divided into many denominations). **May the oppressors** (the *Kuffaar*) **suffer the destruction** (*calamity*) **of a painful day's punishment!**

هَلْ يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَّا السَّاعَةَ أَنْ تَأْتِيَهُمْ بَغْتَةً وَهُمْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿١٦﴾

66. (Before accepting Imaan,) They (the *Kuffaar*) **are waiting only** (looking) **for Qiyaamah to come to them suddenly without them realising** (However, it will then be too late.)

الْأَخِلَاءُ يَوْمَئِذٍ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ إِلَّا الْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿١٧﴾

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67. Friends will be enemies on that day (of *Qiyaamah* because they will refuse to assist each other), **except for those with Taqwa** (who will remain loyal to each other).

لِعِبَادٍ لَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ يُومَئِذٍ الْيَوْمِ وَلَا أَنْتُمْ تَحْزَنُونَ ﴿١٨﴾

68. (Allaah will say to the people of Taqwa on the Day of Qiyaamah,) "O My bondsmen! (Servants) You shall have no fear (of the future) **today, neither will you grieve** (about the past)."

الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِالْآيَاتِ وَأَكَانُوا مُسْلِمِينَ ﴿١٩﴾

69. " (In the world you were) Those who believed in Our Aayaat and were (remain) **obedient** (to Our commands)."

أَدْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ أَنْتُمْ وَآزْوَاجُكُمْ تُحْبَرُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾

70. "You and your spouses should enter into Jannah happily (so that you may be honoured)."

يُطَافُ عَلَيْهِمْ بِصَحَافٍ مِّنْ ذَهَبٍ وَأَكْوَابٍ وَفِيهَا مَا نَشْتَهِيهِ الْأَنْفُسُ وَتَلَذُّ الْأَعْيُنُ وَأَنْتُمْ

فِيهَا خِلْدُونَ ﴿٧١﴾

71. Bowls (filled with delicious foods) and cups of gold (filled with delicious drinks) will be passed around between them and in Jannah there shall be whatever the heart desires and whatever pleases the eye (the greatest bounty being the ability to see Allaah). You will live there forever.

وَتِلْكَ الْجَنَّةُ الَّتِي أُورِثْتُمُوهَا بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٧٢﴾

72. (It will be told to them,) “This is Jannah, which you have been made to inherit because of the (good) deeds you carried out.”

لَكُمْ فِيهَا فَاكِهَةٌ كَثِيرَةٌ مِنْهَا تَأْكُلُونَ ﴿٧٣﴾

73. “In it (Jannah) you will have an abundance of fruit (of your desire) to eat (there shall never be any shortage there).”

إِنَّ الْمَجْرِمِينَ فِي عَذَابٍ جَهَنَّمَ خِلْدُونَ ﴿٧٤﴾

74. Verily, the sinners (Kuffaar) shall suffer the punishment of Jahannam forever.

لَا يُقْتَرَعُ عَنْهُمْ وَأَهُمْ فِيهِ مُبْسَوْنَ ﴿٧٥﴾

75. The punishment shall not be reduced for them, and they will lose all hope (of ever emerging from) there.

وَمَا ظَلَمْنَاهُمْ وَلَكِنْ كَانُوا هُمُ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٧٦﴾

76. We did not oppress (wrong) them, but they were oppressors (unjust) themselves (their punishment is the result of the sins that they committed despite the advice and warnings We sent to them).

وَنَادُوا الْمَلِئِكَ لِيَقْضِ عَلَيْنَا رَبُّكَ قَالَ إِنَّكُمْ مَرْكُؤُونَ ﴿٧٧﴾

77. (In Jahannam,) They will call out (to the keeper of Jahannam saying), “O Maalik! (The Angel in charge of Jahannam) Your Rabb should settle (decide) our matter (quickly to allow us to die instead of suffering here eternally).” He (Maalik) will reply, “You people will certainly have to remain (here forever).”

لَقَدْ جِئْنَاكُمْ بِالْحَقِّ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَكُمْ لَاحِقٌ كِرْهُونَ ﴿٧٨﴾

78. (They will be told further,) “We definitely brought the truth to you, but most of you

disliked (resented) **the truth** (and therefore you have to suffer punishment here).”

أَمْ بَرِّمُوا أَمْرًا فَإِنَّا مُبَرِّمُونَ ﴿٧٩﴾

79. Or (besides having a dislike for the truth) **did they** (even) **devise a resolute** (definite) **plan** (to harm Rasulullaah ﷺ)? **Indeed, We are also planning** (to protect Rasulullaah ﷺ and punish them - and Our plan always prevails over all others).

أَمْ يَحْسِبُونَ أَنَّا لَا نَسْمَعُ سِرَّهُمْ وَنَجْوَاهُمْ بَلَىٰ وَرُسُلْنَا لَدَيْهِمْ يَكْتُبُونَ ﴿٨٠﴾

80. Or do (they plot against Islaam and the Muslims because) **they think that We do not hear their secrets and their stealthy meetings** (conspiracies)? **Most certainly We do** (know), and **Our scribes are with them** (at all times), **writing** (everything they say and do).

قُلْ إِن كَانَ لِلرَّحْمَنِ وَلَدٌ فَأَنَا أَوَّلُ الْعَبْدِينَ ﴿٨١﴾

81. Say (O Rasulullaah ﷺ), **“If Rahmaan had a son, then I would have been the first to worship** (His children).” (However, because I am convinced that He has no children, I worship Allaah Alone.)

سُبْحَنَ رَبِّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ رَبِّ الْعَرْشِ عَمَّا يَصِفُونَ ﴿٨٢﴾

82. (Allaah) The Rabb of the heavens and the earth, the Rabb of the Throne is Pure from whatever (partners and children) **they** (the Mushrikeen) **associate with Him.**

فَذَرَّهُمْ يُخَوِّضُوا وَيَلْعَبُوا حَتَّىٰ يُلَاقُوا يَوْمَهُمُ الَّذِي يَوعَدُونَ ﴿٨٣﴾

83. So (after conveying the message of Islaam to the Kuffaar) **leave them to engage in** (vain) **talks and to play** (engage in useless vanities) **until they encounter** (meet) **the day** (of punishment) **that they have been promised.**

وَهُوَ الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاءِ إِلَهُ وَفِي الْأَرْضِ إِلَهُ وَهُوَ الْحَكِيمُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٨٤﴾

84. It is Allaah Who is the Ilaah in the heavens and the Ilaah on earth. He is the Wise, the All Knowing.

وَتَبَارَكَ الَّذِي لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا وَعِنْدَهُ عِلْمُ السَّاعَةِ وَإِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ ﴿٨٥﴾

85. Blessed is that Being to Whom belongs the kingdom of the heavens, the earth and whatever is between the two. The knowledge of Qiyaamah is only with Him, and to Him shall you all be returned (for reckoning).

وَلَا يَمْلِكُ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ الشَّفَاعَةَ إِلَّا مَنْ شَهِدَ بِالْحَقِّ وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٨٦﴾

86. Those (gods) that they (the Mushrikeen) worship besides Allaah have no power to intercede, except (that intercession will be allowed only) for the one who attests to (believes) the truth (of Towheed) and (for) those who have knowledge (who are convinced about the truth of Towheed).

وَلَئِنْ سَأَلْتَهُمْ مَنْ خَلَقَهُمْ لَيَقُولُنَّ اللَّهُ فَأَلَّى يُؤْفَكُونَ ﴿٨٧﴾

87. If you have to ask them (the Mushrikeen) who created them, they will definitely say, "Allaah". (While admitting this) where are they wandering astray (by remaining adamant as Kuffaar)?

وَقِيلَ لَهُ رَبِّ إِنَّا هَؤُلَاءِ قَوْمٌ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٨٨﴾

وَقِيلَ لَهُمْ

88. (Allaah understands fully) His (the Rasool's) statement when he said, "O my Rabb! This is a nation who refuse to accept Imaan (despite being given every opportunity to do so)."

فَاصْفَحْ عَنْهُمْ وَقُلْ سَلَامٌ فَسَوْفَ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٨٩﴾

فَاصْفَحْ

89. Ignore them (do not entertain any hopes of them ever accepting Imaan and so do not be disappointed) and say, "Salaam" (greet them and part ways). They will soon come to know (the error of their ways in the Akhirah if not sooner).